

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 14-21, 23-29, 34-36, and 41-43 are pending. The Office Action dated August 23, 2006 in this Application has been carefully considered. The above amendments and the following remarks are presented in a sincere attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. Claims 21, 34, and 41 have been amended in this Response. Claims 1-7, 14-20, and 23-29 have been determined by the Examiner to be in condition for the allowance. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of these Claims. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks for those Claims not in condition for allowance.

Claims 21, 34-36, and 41-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Insofar as they may be applied against the Claims, these rejections are respectfully traversed. In light of the amendment submitted herewith, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-7, 14-21, 23-29, 34-36, and 41-43.

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for making this reply and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP. Applicant does not believe that any other fees are due; however, in the event that any other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP.

Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this Application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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